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## NOTIFICATION

**Fourth UNCTAD Youth Forum  
at the  
World Investment Forum  
Abu Dhabi, 16–20 October 2023**

The UNCTAD secretariat presents its compliments to the member States of UNCTAD and has the honour to provide information on the organization of the fourth UNCTAD Youth Forum.

Youth alone represent over 1.8 billion people. Recognizing their potential, the UNCTAD secretariat believes that young people can play a major role in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The 2023 Youth Forum will be held in Abu Dhabi from 16 to 20 October 2023, as part of the World Investment Forum, on the theme “Investing in sustainable development”. Youth will gather to participate in Youth O’Clocks and interactive sessions and workshops, with a focus on the role they can play in maximizing the contribution of investment and enterprise to sustainable development. The Forum will also offer an opportunity for youth to present a number of youth-led initiatives.

The first UNCTAD Youth Forum took place in 2016 during the fourteenth session of the Conference (UNCTAD 14) in Nairobi, where 250 young game changers from over 70 countries participated in the Forum and prepared a Youth Declaration that was one outcome of UNCTAD 14.

Since then, UNCTAD has continuously reached out to youth worldwide and created a Youth Network that provides them with a platform where they can interact, voice their concerns, share their ideas and collaborate and contribute to major United Nations events and discussions.

The UNCTAD secretariat invites member States to disseminate the announcement of the UNCTAD Youth Forum to ministries and institutions that focus on youth at the country level and, for member States in a position to do so, to facilitate the participation in the Forum, including through financial support, of their nationals between the ages of 18 and 30.

Should member States wish to receive further details about recent and upcoming activities of the UNCTAD Youth Network, the UNCTAD secretariat would be pleased to provide such information. Enquiries should be addressed to Ms. Arlette Verploegh, UNCTAD Youth Coordinator, e-mail: [unctadyouth@un.org](mailto:unctadyouth@un.org). Furthermore, additional information on the UNCTAD Youth Forum can be found at <http://unctad.org/youth>.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebeca Grynspan".

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Secretary-General of UNCTAD  
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